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Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Rebecca C. Cory, Charlene Curtiss, John Denooyer, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Sheely Mauck, Erica Sekins, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioners by Phone: Mark Adreon, Hope Drummond

Commissioner Regrets: Vickie Foster, Gary Stobbe

SOOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood

Call to Order: Erica Sekins called the meeting to order at 4:30

Approval of Minutes: October, 2010 minutes were approved as read

SOOCR Report:

SOOCR has met with the Seattle Police Chief to discuss RSJI training in light of the shooting of John T. Williams.

Seattle's Human Rights Day celebration is December 9th in City Hall, reception begins at 6:00, program at 7:00.

Motion: to sponsor HRD with a contribution of \$100: **PASSED**

Guest Speaker: Tim Shockley, Seattle Public Library
The Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) provides readers, video phones, scanners, Braille embossing and other services. The LEAP serves over 100 technology users each month and helps orient users with special needs to the library.

LEAP will relocate from the third floor to the first floor of the downtown branch. The first floor location will be near restrooms and will offer space for library staff to provide technology classes.

Staff is working on pathing from the Fourth Avenue and Fifth Avenue entrances. Access Paratransit buses will not stop at the Fourth Avenue entrance because there is not a bus stop there. Perhaps the Commission could help the library get a load/unload zone established on Fourth Avenue.

Committee Reports:

- Education: Next meeting December 1, 2010
- Bylaws: The Open Meetings Act does not allow for advance voting, so the Bylaws Committee recommends changing Section 4.9 to read: "Commissioners are not allowed to vote by proxy, nor will advance votes be accepted." Sara Woody will propose changing the name of the Issues Committee to Policy and Issues. She will notify all Commissioners of this proposal prior to the vote in accordance with the bylaws.
- Outreach: The committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month, location TBD. The committee plans to honor Paul Miller at the Human Rights Day celebration. The committee is compiling a list of accessible meeting locations and looking into social media. Note: To make Facebook accessible, we would need a landing page.
- Nominating: Felicia to contact candidates
- Issues:
 - Commissioners agreed to monitor City Council committees. Sign up with Sara.
 - Parking Issue:

Motion: to oppose four-hour time limit for use of disabled parking plates and placards especially around hospitals and to recommend alternative methods to increase turnover of parking spaces.

PASSED

- Wellness Checks subcommittee is seeking procedures from Seattle Housing Authority. Will perhaps make a public records request.
- Sara following up on mobile food cart issue
- Sheely Mauck agreed to chair the ADA regulations comment subcommittee
- Curb cuts proposal referred to Issues Committee

Announcements

Four Commission meeting Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 5:30 p.m. at 810 Third Avenue, First Floor Conference Room.

Seattle Human Rights Day celebration, Thursday, December 9, 2010 6:00 reception, 7:00 program, City Hall.